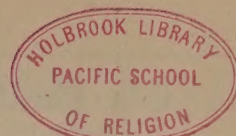


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CHRISTIAN YOUTH BUILDING A NEW WORLD

LOKOYA

By Verdette Walters, Director

Plans for the Lokoya Summer Conference, August 3 to 9, are well under way. Miss Lucille Day of India is to be with us and, as usual, our young people are already looking forward to this part of the conference program. Dr. R. W. Gammon of Chicago has also been assigned to Lokoya. Coming to us with years of experience in young people's work and religious education, we anticipate a real contribution from Dr. Gammon. Mr. Henry Rust, national president of Pilgrim Fellowship, will also be with us.

In addition to these, our faculty will include Rev. Elmer W. Benedict of Pittsburgh, Rev. William Meyer of Fairfax, Rev. Augustine Jones of Palo Alto, and Rev. E. T. Sheiman. Sherwood Wirt of Port Chicago will have charge of recreation. Rev. H. S. Davidson of Cloverdale will again arrange the chapel programs.

News has just reached us through Mr. Paul Flegel that the regular cooks, Mr. and Mrs. Webber, will be back again this summer. Anyone who knows what Lokoya meals are like will give a rousing cheer for the Webbers.

The price is still reasonable for a six day conference, only a total of \$6.50.

To all high school young people eligible for Lokoya, especially the "first timers," we say, if you want a week full of things just right and things that count, plan now to join us at Lokoya, August 3 to 9, and become "Pilgrims Marching Forward!"

LOMA MAR NUMBER ONE

By G. A. Casaday, Director

High School young people of the East Bay Congregational churches will gather at Loma Mar (Oakland Y.M.C.A. Camp, four miles southwest of La Honda), Sunday afternoon, June 15, for a week of fellowship, fun, and study, closing Saturday, June 21.

High worship experiences in the outdoor chapel of the redwoods, stimulating study of the Christian life, and an abundance of fun together, swimming, hiking, playing games, and singing around the campfire, will characterize the conference again this year.

Among the leaders will be Mrs. Alice Keedy from West Africa; Dr. Prescott Thompson, former president of Northern California Pilgrim Fellowship; Mrs. Louise Thompson, a delegate to the World Conference of Christian Youth held in Amsterdam, Holland, a couple of summers ago; Mrs. Dorothy Bennett, director of religious education at Plymouth Church, Oakland; and Miss Mae Baudin, religious education director, First Congregational Church, Oakland.

The total cost for each delegate will be \$8.00 for the week. This figure includes room and board, subscription to The Light, and registration fee.

Courses will include: Appreciation of the Bible, Teacher Training, World Mission of the Church, Life Problems and Relations, Personal Religious Living, Builders of the Church, and Story Telling and Dramatics.

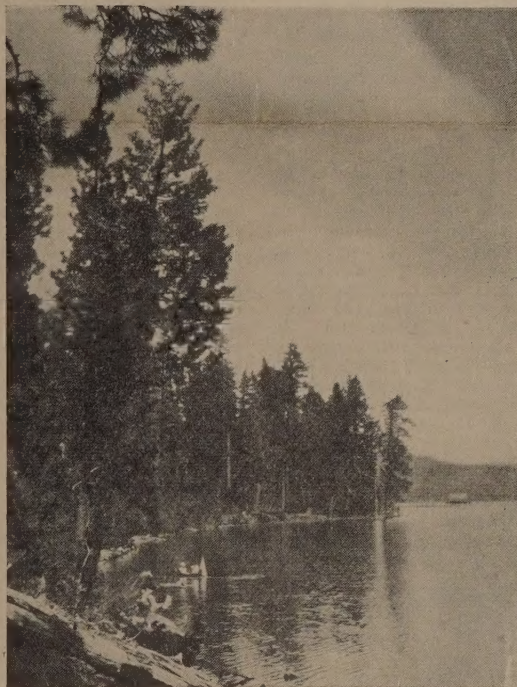
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 22-July 2—Institute of International Relations, Mills College.

July 27-Aug. 1—M. E. M. Conference, San Anselmo.

October 17-19—Annual Meeting, Northern California Congregational Conference, Stockton.

Tahoe,
lake
of the
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High
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for
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"PILGRIMS MARCHING FORWARD" is the theme for all Pilgrim Fellowship summer conferences of northern California. The variety of dates, locations, and costs, makes it possible to meet almost any situation. Starting June 15 and continuing at intervals until August 16, they offer opportunity for all.

Subjects for consideration are of a wide variety, including Personal Religious Living in Social Relations and Social Issues, various phases of Old and New Testament, Relationship to the Church, World Vision of Christianity, Group Methods and Organization, and the Arts of Christian Leadership. Faculty members are from among our own capable church pastors and laymen. We are also fortunate in securing several outstanding national leaders from at home and abroad. These experienced men and women give world vision so necessary in this steadily shrinking world of today.

The age and tendency of youth necessitates for them a time and place to get balance and vision in order to make wise life decisions as to friendships, pleasures, ideals, and vocations. In such carefully chosen environments, and with the wise counsellors and friends such as are found in these conferences, the influences are ideal to meet the mood and the need, to give young people opportunities for clear thinking and wise choice, and to enable them to be "Pilgrims Marching Forward."



Art Casaday's class at Zephyr Point.

LAKEWOOD

By George I. Linn, Director

The third Lakewood Conference will be held at the Lakewood Boys' Camp at Brockway, California, at the northern end of Lake Tahoe, starting June 21 (Saturday, 3 p.m.) and ending June 28 (Saturday, 9 a.m.). Applications are already being received by the director, who resides at Route 9, Box 1328, Sacramento, California, because word has gone out that only fifty youth delegates can be accommodated. Application blank should be filled out and signed by delegate and pastor, and must be accompanied by the \$1.50 registration fee. These forms have been sent to the pastors of the various churches.

The new director has for years served as a counselor in the Sacramento Senior High School. He also has had several years of experience in Y.M.C.A. and Boy Scout activities and camps.

In addition to the \$1.50 registration fee, delegates will have the usual board and bed expense of \$7.00 and make their own arrangements for transportation.

The theme of the Conference will be "Pilgrims Marching Forward." Every class and activity will be directed toward the building of high ideals of Christian understanding, service, and leadership.

The youth officers of the Lakewood Conference have had an active part in making the plans. Miss Joanna Wilder Salida, is president; Sam Hall, Stockton, vice-president; Miss Roberta Flockhart, secretary; Miss Margaret Gorman, Paradise, girls' vice-president; Miss Gladys Cummings, Angels Camp, corresponding secretary; Don McDonald, Lodi, treasurer; and Rev. A. R. Boone, counselor.

Faculty members will include Rev. E. T. Sherman, Rev. A. R. Boone, Rev. W. H. L. Marshall, Mrs. E. B. Kientz, and the director, with a missionary speaker not yet chosen. Rev. E. P. Shier will be chaplain; Mrs. Laura Cross, dean of girls; Miss Jackie Ong, recreational director; and Miss Frances Shier, music director. Addresses will be given by Rev. Torrance Phelps, Rev. E. L. Spuller, Rev. John G. Dickey, and Rev. P. N. Bennett.

SEQUOIA

By Arthur L. Rice, Director

Beside the beautiful waters of Lake Sequoia which invite to enjoyable boating, swimming, and fishing, with interesting trails leading through great forests, and beneath the giant Sequoias, with a new commodious dining hall ready for use, Camp Sequoia will be the mecca for San Joaquin young people June 15 to 21. Faculty members will include Dr. Pierson Parker of North Church, Berkeley, Mrs. H. V. Markham, registered nurse, who served with her doctor husband at Dondi, West Africa, Rev. John H. Gregg of Porterville, and the director, Rev. Arthur L. Rice of Tulare. It is planned to offer some separate courses for college age young people.

With each member sharing in performing the duties of camp, the total cost has been further reduced, being this year \$1.50 for registration and \$5.50 for all other costs. Enthusiastic interest promises a well attended and successful conference.

Registrations, with the \$1.50 fee, should be sent to Herbert Hartunian, 403 North Fresno Street, Fresno.

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ZEPHYR POINT

By Victor H. Morgan, Director

A mile high at Zephyr Point on Lake Tahoe! You will have a week of exhilaration drawn from scenery, companionship, and instruction. No more inspiring setting for a summer conference could be found than this of ours on the shore of world-famous Tahoe.

Many of the classes are held out in the open, delegates perched on the smooth, cool boulders, or sheltered by the picturesque mountain pines. Across the lake the granite ramparts of California rise against the sky inspiring us to exercise the "high offices of thought." Here generations of redmen felt the nearness of the Great Spirit; near by Kit Carson blazed a trail over the Sierras for General Fremont and the wagon-borne pioneers who entered the Golden State by way of Faith, Hope, and Charity Valleys. Just a few miles to the east, Ralston, Sharon, Sutro, and Flood struggled to dominate the Comstock Lode. One afternoon during the conference we will make up a caravan to visit historic Virginia City, scene of this drama of silver.

Ted Nichols, Pop Sherman, and the director promise you a faculty to match the surroundings. Lucille (Happy) Day is coming back. That is great news to us who met her in the conferences of 1939. Dr. Robert Gammon, whose services have been requested by half a dozen eastern conferences, yielded to the lure of the west and will share with us his years of experience in youth leadership.

Our chaplain will be Dr. Holland Burr, minister of the Piedmont Community Church, an exceptionally qualified man for this position. The presence of Lawton and Sally Harris to handle recreation would assure success to any conference; they will be with us again. Stephen Peabody, pastor of the San Jose church, and Donald Gaylord of Grace United in San Francisco will present interesting courses. Mr. H. N. McClellan, publicity director of the Berkeley schools, and Mr. Roy Nichols, Ted's father, will be welcome additions to our teaching staff. Mrs. E. B. Kientz, from Stockton, dean of women, will be a friend all girls will appreciate.

Henry R. Rust, national president of the Pilgrim Fellowship, will be at Zephyr for one or two days at the end of the week. His presence will help us keep step with the national program. Mr. Rust is a student at Grinnell College. Those who met him at Mills last fall remember him as an able leader.

The "Pilgrims Marching Forward" at Zephyr Point will be such high school juniors and seniors, such college students, such young adults as you will be proud to call friends. This will be a week of stimulating thought, devotion, companionship, and recreation that will leave you impressions that remain long after you have forgotten the blue of the lake and grandeur of mountain. You will return to the lowlands having developed new "drives," a better perspective, and will find the normal routine of life has taken on greater significance.

Register right away; your minister has the application blanks. Send in \$2.25 with your application and then pay \$11.50 when you arrive at Zephyr Point on July 26 for a week you will never forget.

SCHEDULE OF PILGRIM FELLOWSHIP SUMMER CONFERENCES FOR 1941

CONFERENCES	DIRECTORS	DATES	Registration Fees	"Light"	TOTAL COST
Sequoia	Rev. A. L. Rice	June 15-21	\$1.50	\$.25	\$ 7.00
Loma Mar #1	Rev. G. A. Casaday	June 15-21	1.00	.25	8.00
Lakewood	Mr. George Linn	June 21-28	1.25	.25	8.50
Zephyr Point	Rev. Victor Morgan	July 26-Aug. 2	2.00	.25	13.75
Lokoya	Rev. Verdetta Walters	Aug. 3-9	.50	.25	6.50
Loma Mar #2	Rev. Sidney Buckham	Aug. 10-16	1.00	.25	8.00

NOTE: For various reasons, registrations are expected to be sent in to the Conference Director or to Mr. Sherman, 1164 Phelan Bldg., S. F., five days before the Conference begins, therefore, add 50c for late registrations at Loma Mar #1 and Lakewood, Zephyr Point and Lokoya.

LOMA MAR NUMBER TWO

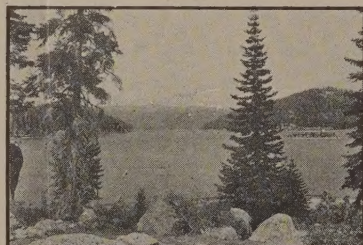
By Sidney H. Buckham, Director

For the fourth season the young people of the West Bay district will gather at Loma Mar, in the canyon of Pescadero Creek, four miles southwest of La Honda, for a week of Christian fellowship, study, and recreation. The conference is held at the Oakland "Y" camp, which provides comfortable cabins, a social hall, swimming pool, and tables for meals under the bay trees. The daily schedule includes three class periods in the morning with a choice of nine courses, chapel services in the beautiful redwood circle, recreation in the afternoon, and inspirational campfires in the evening.

The faculty this year will consist of Sidney Buckham, director; Caroline Duncan, registrar; Donald Gaylord, chaplain; Torrance Jones, recreational leader; and faculty members: Dr. Robert W. Gammon; Miss Lucille Day; Henry Rust, national president of Pilgrim Fellowship; Edwin T. Sherman; Charles E. Ward; and Fred R. Morrow. There will also be five women counselors at the camp.

The first meal will be served on Sunday, August 10, and the conference closes with lunch on Saturday, August 16. The cost of the conference is \$8.00, and the young people will do their own K.P. duty. Delegates of High School age may attend.

For more information write to Rev. Sidney H. Buckham, 225 Tilton Avenue, San Mateo.



Three California Congregational Young People's Conferences meet on mountain lakes; others in great tree groves.

OUTSTANDING FORUM PROGRAMS BRING ABLE LEADERSHIP

The most important series of forum programs of the year were recently completed at Plymouth House. Seven evenings were given to discussion of the seven points of the Pilgrim Fellowship program. Besides a student panel on Better Race Relations, leaders of great ability were secured, including Dr. Vere V. Loper, Rev. Robert Inglis, Dr. George Hedley of Mills College, Mr. Joseph Conard, secretary of the Institute of International Relations, and Rev. Fred Stripp.

Other outstanding leaders of the year with whom the students became acquainted and had the opportunity of hearing at Plymouth House were: Dr. Edith Bryan, consulting psychologist; Dr. John C. Bennett, professor at Pacific School of Religion; Miss Margaret Williams, Provincial Student Secretary of the Episcopal Church; Miss Mary Morrisett, Pacific Area secretary of the Student Peace Service; Mr. John Stevenson, area representative of the Student Volunteer Movement; Congressman John C. Tolan, and Dr. Richard Niebuhr of Yale Divinity School.

PILGRIM FELLOWSHIP RALLIES

By Ted Nichols,

Pilgrim Fellowship President

Next to Sunday night meetings of local church groups, the most important functions of Pilgrim Fellowship are conferences and rallies. We have had several successful and enjoyable rallies in northern California this spring, which have put the "old conference spirit" into the hearts of hundreds of young people.

Upper Bay and Redwood Empire areas had a preview of their joint Lokoya Conference at Lokoya on Saturday, May 17. Led by Lokoya President Ted Winslow and Conference Director Verdetta Walters, an afternoon of business and recreation was terminated by an inspiring talk by Mrs. Jean Wilbur, missionary from China, followed by a wiener roast and vespers; 115 people attended.

West Bay held a rally at Santa Cruz on April 18, and held their Second Annual Rally at the Loma Mar Campsite on June 1, with President Charles Ward, Jr. and Director Sidney Buckham presiding. It began at 3 p.m. with recreation, followed by a wiener roast. The evening was occupied by conference plans and speakers.

Central area had a rally on Sunday, May 18, at the home of Sam Hall, near Modesto; President Joanna Wilder and Conference Director George Linn conducted the gathering, and the guest speaker was Tom Hoshima, who was a delegate to the United Christian Youth Movement conference at Amsterdam in 1939. A similar rally was held at Auburn on May 25, for the benefit of those who couldn't get to Modesto.

East Bay held a rally on Sunday evening, May 25, at the First Congregational Church, Berkeley. Following games and a sing-song, Ted Nichols spoke on "The Summer Conferences." The Broadmoor Church young people led devotions, and Rev. Robert Inglis gave an inspirational address. Nearly 100 were present.

San Joaquin held their spring rally at Porterville on April 19, with President Rob Williams and Conference Director A. L. Rice as leaders, and about sixty-five young people attending. Following words of inspiration from Superintendent H. H. Gill of the Northern California Congregational Conference, and Dr. George White of the Home Missions Council of New York, Field Secretary Edwin T. Sherman presented moving pictures of last year's conferences.

YOUNG ADULTS WELCOME

Young adults, married or single, are welcome at Zephyr Point Conference, July 26 to August 2. Courses adapted to this age group, up to 35 years, are being offered, such as "Social Relation of the Sexes" by Mr. Roy Nichols, Principal of Oakland Junior High School; "Christianity's World Vision," by Miss Lucille Day of Turkey and India; "Young Adults' Ways and Work," by Rev. W. R. Steinger of Antioch; and other equally interesting courses and capable instructors.

All recreation, meals, mass singing, etc., are shared in common with our other delegates.

CHERINGTON ON THE MEND

Rev. Reed B. Cherington has been in the hospital in Palo Alto for several weeks as the result of a painful injury to his right hand in a door of an automobile. His many friends will want to be remembered to him and to express their deep sympathy.

MILLS INSTITUTE

The Institute of International Relations to be held at Mills College June 22 to July 2 will again offer a fine array of speakers and discussion leaders. Among them are Raymond Wilson, Educational Secretary of the Peace Section, American Friends Service Committee; Dorothy Detzer, Executive Secretary of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom; Owen Lattimore, Editor of "Pacific Affairs," and Director of the Walter Hines Page School of International Relations at Johns Hopkins University; Professor James Muilenburg of Pacific School of Religion; Samuel Guy Inman, former secretary of the Committee on Cooperation in Latin America; Bernice Baxter, Coordinator of Instruction, Oakland Public Schools; and many others.

Morning sessions will begin at 8:45, and will include lectures and roundtables. Evening lectures will be given at Mills College and at International House. Tuition fee for the week will be \$10; season tickets for the evening lectures will be available at \$1; single admissions, 25c. Rates for board and lodging are additional, from \$20 (for a room shared with another person), up. For further information, write to the Institute of International Relations, Mills College, California.

THEOLOGY FOR CHRISTIAN YOUTH

"A Theology for Christian Youth," by Henry David Gray, is just what its name implies. There is much in it that is helpful to adult Christians and to pastors who conduct classes in preparation for church membership, and who lead or participate in discussion groups where the fundamentals of our faith are considered.

It is the kind of a book that a parent would like to give to a high school or college girl or boy, or that a pastor would do well to have at hand to lend to an eager young questioner.

The answers are not only intellectually satisfying, but will help to build up a warm devotional attitude.

Why Christianity? Can we believe the Bible? How about God? Who was Jesus? The Trinity, Man and Sin, The Christian Life, Human Society, The Church, Evil and Disaster, Immortality. These subjects are all discussed helpfully.

Henry David Gray, the author, is secretary for young people and student life of our own Division of Education. He is a graduate of Pomona College and Hartford Seminary, and has studied at Edinburgh and Tübingen. He was in charge of the Mills Pilgrim Fellowship Conference last summer.

The book is published by Abingdon-Cokesbury and sells for \$1.00, and may be secured through Pacific Book Service, 1164 Phelan Building, San Francisco.

REV. PHILIP F. PAYNE

Many Congregational ministers and lay people are mourning the death of Rev. Philip F. Payne, who was Executive of several California Presbyteries and in charge of all Presbyterian Oriental work west of the Rocky Mountains. His death came very suddenly, while he was on a speaking tour in the East. Particularly will his presence be missed by the Board of Directors of the Hip Wo School. He was one of the group bringing about the merger that formed the School, and was its treasurer for many years.

SUPERINTENDENT VISITS UTAH

Superintendent Harley H. Gill spent May 21 and 22 in Salt Lake City as a speaker at the Utah Congregational Conference. He gave four addresses to the Conference, one to the Kiwanis Club in Salt Lake City, and another to the Japanese young people in Ogden. The Utah Conference has only about 8 churches, but there is every evidence of vigor and growth in spite of the problems which the dominant church in that area makes for all Protestant groups.

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES ON THE JOB

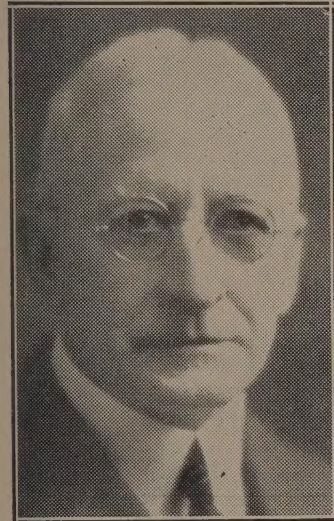
COURSES OFFERED FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

Teachers, and those desiring to prepare for Church School teaching, have an excellent opportunity at Zephyr Point this year to secure information from experts.

Dr. R. W. Gammon of Chicago is most outstanding in teaching methods and material. His course is entitled "The Art of Teaching Religion."

Mrs. E. B. Kientz is a trained teacher, and has successfully taught in day school as well as Sunday School for at least 15 years. She is modern and up-to-the-minute in her "Teaching of Beginners and Primary Pupils."

Other courses, coordinated with the above, are offered by other capable instructors. These courses will especially appeal to younger teachers of youth.



Rev. Robert W. Gammon

PACIFIC ASHRAM

Following the Los Angeles sessions of the National Christian Mission, arrangements were completed by Dr. E. Stanley Jones for the holding of an Ashram to serve the Pacific Coast. This will be one of three Ashrams to be held in America during the summer of 1941, under the general sponsorship of the Department of Evangelism of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America.

The Pacific Ashram will be held on the campus of Occidental College, in Los Angeles, July 18-30. Dr. Jones will be in attendance throughout the session, and will speak daily, as well as participate in the discussion groups, of which there will be five, dealing with various aspects of the work of the church in the present day. The cost of the Ashram, which will probably not exceed \$23.00, will include lodging, meals and registration.

It is hoped that the registrants will be evenly divided between clergy, laity and youth, and the program will be built to contribute largely to the needs of such persons.

Attendance at the Ashram will be by invitation. Those who are desirous of receiving invitations may secure details by writing to the Executive Secretary, Rev. Maurice Ballenger, care of First Methodist Church, Ninth and "C" Streets, San Diego.

BERKELEY, PARK. Rev. Tom Watt, the pastor, is using in the Sunday School a method of teaching the Bible modeled after the quiz radio program.

GOULD AVAILABLE

Rev. Benjamin Gould, after the close of his work at Oroville on June 15, will be available for Sunday supply work in churches within reach. His address will be Box 425, Los Altos, California.

ANTIOCH. New foundations under the church, two coats of paint for both church and parish house, repair of roofs of both buildings, and new front steps, all at a cost of \$1500, has been voted and will be undertaken at once. Fifteen young people attended the rally at Lokoya. President A. C. McGiffert will give the address of the 76th anniversary and the church will enjoy a picnic lunch together. Rev. W. R. Steininger, pastor, writes that the parish house is open to the public all week long for prayer, rest, and meditation.

PALO ALTO. On May 10 Rev. Augustine Jones, pastor, gave the Phi Kappa Phi address to the graduating class of the University of Nevada, and the following day preached the baccalaureate sermon. This was the fiftieth anniversary of the day when his father, as president, gave diplomas to the first four-year class. The Palo Alto choir and Alden Club were entertained at barbecue dinners by Mrs. Herbert C. Jones.

SAN FRANCISCO, CITY TEMPLE. Two great Sunday evenings were enjoyed in May, one the rendition of Haydn's "Creation" by a chorus of 400 voices and an orchestra of more than 65 pieces from the San Francisco State College, under the direction of Dr. William E. Knuth. The other was an address by Evangeline Booth of the Salvation Army. Rev. E. A. Lowther and Rev. Jason Noble Pierce are the pastors.

SACRAMENTO, PIONEER. The Junior College of Life presented a play, "The Friendly Kingdom," a large number of young people participating. Rev. Torrance Phelps on a recent Sunday morning divided the order of worship into five sections, as follows: liturgy of aspiration, liturgy of confession, liturgy of assurance, liturgy of dedication, and liturgy of guidance.

TULARE. Instead of the traditional Children's Day entertainment, the Sunday School presented a typical Sunday's program, including demonstrations of the work of each department. This will enable parents to cooperate with the school more intelligently. The acquaintance of teachers and parents was promoted by a social hour after the close of the program. Rev. Arthur L. Rice is pastor.

ALAMEDA. Rev. and Mrs. Gail Cleland were welcomed back for the choir reunion on Sunday evening, May 25. Rev. James Muilenburg has continued his preaching ministry during the month of May, and Rev. Robert Cleland cares for the pastoral and administrative work.

RENO, NEVADA. Besides his regular services on Easter Sunday, Rev. William M. Case brought the message to the folks at the State Hospital and participated in the sunrise Boy Scout service.

SAN FRANCISCO, GRACE UNITED. Twenty-four new members were in the spring class, and seven children were baptized. Rev. Donald F. Gaylord is pastor.

DRAMA

The big dramatic event of the year at Plymouth House is the annual PANTHALIA which was presented the evening of April 25. Practically every member had some task to do in connection with its presentation, either on the general committee, in writing skits, acting, publicity, staging and costuming. The silver offering, usually between \$60 and \$100, goes to the Plymouth House budget which is about \$250 a year, the most of which is covered by pledges.

WORD FROM COLBERT

A very attractive announcement on silvered paper has been received, giving the history of the First Universalist Church of Rochester, Minnesota. Rev. Horton Colbert, well known in Northern California, is the minister.

OAKLAND, FIRST. Five hundred fifty people attended the May festival of the Women's League. There were special programs in each department of the Sunday School on Mother's Day. The young people of the forums gave an extravaganza, "South of the Border," which was colorful and entertaining and which contributed to the sending of young people to summer conferences. Miss Mae Baudin has accepted the position of director of religious education and young people's work. Rev. Clarence Reidenbach, the pastor, is conducting a training class for those who will unite with the church on Youth Sunday.

PENNGROVE AND COTATI. There has been a generous response to the appeal for money for repairs of the Penn-grove building. It is planned to repair the roof and paint the entire building. Much of the labor is being donated. The young people of both churches enjoyed the picnic at Bodega Bay. The women of the Cotati church are making a rug for one of our mission institutions. Rev. J. D. Salmon, the pastor, is to go to the Sylvandale Summer School in Colorado.

ALTURAS. Rev. Theodore E. Schulz has been at work for a month. He is publishing The Federation Organ, a mimeographed parish paper. On May 19 a pot-luck supper and reception were arranged in honor of the minister and his wife. Mr. Schulz delivered the baccalaureate sermon at the high school. An opportunity for new work has been uncovered at a lumber camp known as Tionesta, a community of over 600 persons.

LODI. The first Sunday School picnic in many years was greatly enjoyed. More than 70 percent of the amount needed for two new furnaces and improvements in the Sunday School rooms was quickly subscribed. Rev. A. R. Boone preached a Memorial Day sermon the last Sunday of May, when the Daughters of Union Veterans and the Woman's Relief Corps were guests.

OAKLAND, PLYMOUTH. Young people who are members of the church spent Sunday afternoon and evening on May 18 in a conference at Pacific School of Religion. More than 40 were in attendance. Professor John C. Bennett, Mr. Russell Proffit, and Superintendent Harley H. Gill were speakers. Rev. Robert Inglis is pastor.

SAN FRANCISCO, OCEAN VIEW. Mr. Byron Eshelman, who has been pastor for nearly two years, has gone to the middle west for summer work, and the church has called Mr. Eugene Sill. Mr. Sill is a student at Pacific School of Religion, a graduate of the University of Redlands, and is taking hold of the work with splendid energy.

SAN MATEO. Rev. Raymond C. Brooks, well known in Northern California and now president of Cumnack Schools, was the speaker at the church night dinner on May 14. The missionary giving of this church is running considerably above previous years. Rev. Sidney H. Buckham is pastor.

BERKELEY, CHINESE. The church is saving money toward a building fund, and it was recently encouraged by the word that the W.H.M.U. had deposited \$50 with the Conference to be used when a new building is erected. Dr. B. C. Wong is pastor.

BERKELEY, NORTH. Thirty-nine persons have joined in the past twelve months. The women of the church recently sent a quantity of cloth to China, which proved to be a godsend to Pagoda Hospital at Fukien. Rev. Pierson Parker is pastor.

BERKELEY, FIRST. Rev. Vere V. Loper was signally honored by being invited to give the Baccalaureate Address at the University of California.

OAKLAND, FRUITVALE. On Sunday, May 18, the church celebrated the seventh anniversary of the pastorate of Rev. J. B. Orr. Mr. Orr was ordained 52 years ago, and, with the exception of a few years doing editorial work, has been in the ministry the entire period. Representatives from a number of organizations, including lodges and labor unions, were present to show their appreciation of the church and its minister. Superintendent Harley H. Gill delivered the sermon, using as his theme, "Tellers of good tidings." Mr. Orr, who is active in many patriotic organizations, is called upon for many appointments during Memorial Day week, and this year is no exception.

WEAVERVILLE. Rev. P. N. Bennett preached the high school baccalaureate sermon. Two afternoons were spent by a group of men in cleaning up and cultivating the grounds about the building. During three Sunday evenings there was a forum on the theme: "Organizing for permanent peace." The young people are raising money to send a delegation to Lakewood. The Sacramento Valley Association will be held with this church next spring.

SOQUEL. The church grounds were cleaned up by the men and old sheds removed so that additional church school rooms may be built. Special guests at "mothers - daughters - sons" banquet on Mother's Day included two who had been connected with the church more than fifty years. A young people's choir is being organized. Rev. T. Davis Preston is pastor.

PORTERVILLE. Two hundred twelve were present at Mother's Day service and five babies were baptized. The old parsonage has been sold and will be moved from the property, and a new parsonage will soon be under construction. Rev. John H. Gregg will continue his work until August 1 and then after a vacation of one month will begin with the First Congregational Church of Fresno.

PESCADERO. Mothers' Day was observed with a sermon by Superintendent Harley H. Gill, and following the service there was a pot-luck dinner and an hour of good fellowship. Rev. J. C. Kelsey of Half Moon Bay holds services in Pescadero once a month.

SARATOGA. A beautiful musical program, with vocal, piano, and pipe-organ numbers, was given on May 23 for the benefit of the building fund. Rev. Fred R. Morrow, pastor, has been asked to prepare studies for pastor's class by the Seminar on Personal Devotional Life.

SANTA ROSA. Rev. Wilfred Withington is slowly recovering from his long illness, but is endeavoring to make arrangements to have a student assistant during the summer months.

SAN FRANCISCO
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WOMEN'S FEDERATION NEWS

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The next general meeting of the Federation will be held on the third Thursday of August at the usual place. No meetings in June or July.

FEDERATION WOMEN ACTIVE IN ALL DEPARTMENTS

The general meeting of the Federation was held as usual at the First Congregational Church of Oakland on May 15, and, also as usual, it was most interesting. At the executive session which preceded the general gathering Mrs. J. H. McCartney was elected president of the Bay Association, to the great delight of us all. That office has been vacant until now, this year. Mrs. Richard Martyr was reported desirous of giving up her position as Federation representative to the M.E.M., and Mrs. E. B. Kientz, long associated with the work, was appointed to fill her place.

The afternoon session was mainly given to a full report by Mrs. Ernest Evans of our Oriental work abroad. One of the most interesting items was regarding the competitive essay-writing among the school children of Pao-ting-fu. The reward was sixteen Chinese dollars, from a fund set up long ago for this purpose. In a world at war these were the topics assigned: "An Ideal Christian Village," "An Ideal Christian Home," "Contribution of Christian Youth to Village Betterment," "What Does Christ Mean to Me," "What Contribution Can a Christian Pupil Make in His Home?". No one would guess that a life and death struggle was surging around these young people. The winning essay was on the third of these topics and these were the points made by the young student:

"We young Christians must try to meet the needs along the following lines: 1. rural reconstruction; 2. mass education (of men, women, and children); 3. promotion of public health (lectures to the country people; emphasis on the fact that rural hospitals and dispensaries are better than temples and idols); 4. congenial recreation; 5. promotion of home industry; 6. improvement of roads and waterways; 7. improved village churches." Young China would seem to be well on the way toward winning something more than essays.

Mrs. Evans gave us news of several of our representatives on the field. The E. Walter Smiths are in Foochow, as is Miss Bertha Allen. Miss Frances Clapp, whose enthusiastic reception of and work on the Denton organ was reported in an earlier Pacific, was obliged to leave Kyoto before the dedication and is now in Honolulu, teaching in the Bible Training School there. Miss Mary F. Denton, herself, remains in Kyoto, and would be glad of letters from her friends.

Mrs. Robert d'Erlach spoke of the Reading Lists. The ideal goal is the completion of eight books, chosen from the present or any earlier list, no more than two of the eight from the same group. However, no one is to be discouraged if she does not find time for the full number, and all those who can are urged to go on to a much greater number. Mrs. d'Erlach then gave an interesting review of Ruth Comfort Mitchell's book, "Of Human Kindness," which, by the way, through an oversight on the part of the Federation editor, was wrongly classed among the books on China in the April Pacific. It deals with the migrant question and is in a way an answer to Steinbeck's "Grapes of Wrath."

Mrs. E. T. Sherman, Social Welfare Secretary, asked that the various societies send her replies as promptly as possible as to whether or not their quotas have been accepted. So far she has heard from only 39 churches.

Remember this is the last issue of The Pacific until September.

Those of us who heard Rev. Donald Gaylord's absorbing report of the work in Grace United Church for the underprivileged children of the district, at the spring meeting, were glad to get from the report of Mrs. H. S. Gauthier, Thank Offering Secretary, that there is a way in which we may help before the Thank Offering gathering. You will remember that Mr. Gaylord spoke of the plans for supervised reading of good interesting books. Miss Alice English, who has this—and much more—in charge, gives quite a list of the books wanted for the "Children's Reading Tables," in a letter to Mrs. Wm. R. Steininger of Antioch. Mrs. Steininger reports that Antioch has already sent a hundred books to Miss English, but duplicates will be useful, even if we hit on the same ones—and if the books are new they would be available as gifts for rewards. I quote from Miss English's letter: "The children are mostly junior age with a few primaries. . . Burgess, 'Animal Book for Children'; 'Flower Book for Children'; Collins: 'The Boy Chemist'; Goodspeed: 'Junior Bible'; Nicholl: 'I Will Think of Jesus'; Blanchard: 'How One Man Changed the World.' The Rand McNally books: 'My Own Book of Prayers,' 'Stories of the Christ Child,' 'Old Testament Stories,' 'When Jesus Was a Little Boy,' 'Children of Mexico,' and others. . . Lewis: 'All Time Tales'; Hader: 'Jamaica Johnny'; Anna Braun: 'Honey Chile'; Emma Brock: 'Beppo'; Jordan: 'The Home Toy Shop'; A. A. Milne: 'When We Were Very Young'; Dan Beard: 'Wisdom of the Woods'; Lina and Adelia Beard: 'Things Worth Doing.' And good books on nature study, handcraft, birds, travel, animals; children's magazines, such as Child Life, Jack and Jill, School Arts—back numbers are all right. One book our youngsters would love would be a book of simple chalk talks. This list, while fragmentary, may at least give you an idea of the type of book we hope to have in our library."

With regard to the M.E.M. Conference this year, there is an important announcement to be made. For the first time in all these many years the terms M.E.M. and Asilomar are not synonymous. The Government has leased the property, and the Missionary Conference will be held this year on the grounds of the Presbyterian Seminary at San Anselmo. The dates have already been given in The Pacific—July 27 to August 1. The theme is "Democracy in America and Abroad." The dean of the sessions is again the Archdeacon, W. R. H. Hodgkin, who has been so efficient and so beloved in past conferences. The faculty will be exceptionally fine. Among the members are Dr. Emory Ross, Executive Secretary of the Foreign Missions Council of North America; and Mrs. Robert McLean, whose husband is the author of a delightful book on the Mexican in our Southwest. The chapel will be led by Bishop Edward Lambe Parsons, long time bishop of this diocese in the Episcopal Church. It will be a most interesting conference and all, old friends and new, are urged to make a special effort to attend. The change in place of meeting must not change our interest in this conference and all it brings to us. We are proud of the fact that a few years ago, when all the other Missionary Summer Conferences in the country closed, "Asilomar" continued undaunted and will so continue, even if on different grounds. Incidentally, the rates at San Anselmo will be somewhat lower than at Asilomar. They are not settled as yet but the commissioners will be advised later and information can be obtained from them.

KEEPING UP

The figures submitted below are up to and including the 29th of month, the last banking date. The gain noted a month ago over 1940 is just being maintained. If treasurers will care for remittances promptly during the summer, it will greatly assist.

CHURCH	May 1941	Jan. 11 to May 31, '41	Jan. 11 to May 31, '40
Adin	9.00	7.50	
Alameda	202.50	236.56	
Alturas	12.05	10.58	
Angels Camp	39.50	33.75	
Antioch	4.46	20.73	22.50
Auburn	60.00		
Benicia	20.00	5.00	
Berkeley, Chinese	25.00		
First	326.41	2,296.96	1,998.79
North	154.36	172.70	
Park	23.07	11.60	
Callahan	5.13		
Campbell	68.00	50.00	
Cedarville	50.00		
Cloverdale	5.89	28.82	29.48
Cotati	31.50	32.50	
Crockett	24.14	7.52	
Elna	6.85		
Eureka	56.48	190.49	203.49
Fairfax	15.00		
Ferndale	37.50	117.81	63.05
Fresno, First	223.92	274.88	
Japanese	10.00		
Pilgrim	50.00	110.00	120.00
Glen Ellen	20.00		
Guerneville	5.00	4.00	
Hayfork	100.00	50.00	
Hwyland	3.00	5.30	
Kenwood	534.00	403.00	
Lodi, First	10.42	23.55	
Loomis	14.31	122.06	85.37
Martinez	81.00	62.50	
Murphy	483.00	2,155.00	1,676.64
Oakland, First	15.28	20.00	
Fruitvale	237.47	303.34	
Plymouth	16.69	17.58	
Pilgrim	2.62	21.87	24.92
Oroville	30.09	81.17	76.40
Pacific Grove	146.00	558.50	511.00
Palo Alto	25.00	104.00	100.00
Parlier	10.00		
Penngrove	8.66	5.64	
Pescadero	2.50		
Petaluma	148.32	256.77	278.20
Pittsburg	20.55	68.75	69.42
Porterville	100.00	155.00	
Redwood City	211.19	199.38	
Reedley	5.00		
Rio Vista	37.50	37.50	
Ripon	7.38	44.24	70.32
Sacramento	71.74	289.20	263.26
Salida	20.00	2.00	
San Carlos	13.24	52.67	
San Francisco—			
Bethany Msn. Park	43.58	104.44	100.40
First	100.05	1,194.00	470.93
Ocean View	15.00	40.00	25.00
San Jose	220.00	270.00	
San Leandro	38.73	43.66	
San Mateo	68.31	306.49	256.01
San Rafael	55.00	195.00	345.00
Santa Cruz	16.25	63.25	100.87
Santa Rosa	104.67	100.62	
Saratoga	24.83	79.10	67.41
Sebastopol	47.70	40.00	
Sonoma	19.14	32.65	
Society	67.99	219.37	202.14
Stockton	89.10	41.33	
Suisun	4.95	3.56	
Sunnyvale	25.00		
Sunol	20.00	250.00	169.00
Tulare	55.00	44.60	
Weaverville	34.00	20.00	
Woodside	21.12	187.67	126.27
Reno, Nevada			
Miscellaneous and Individual	35.00	1,206.10	1,174.50
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Superintendent Gill is attending meetings in New York and Boston.

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